(3) The work was not taken up as the site selected was found on further examination unsuited for an earthen bund.

(4) 600 acres can be brought under wet cultivation. Additional revenue to Government, Rs. 1,986.

(5) The investigation of a site near Nalthimmanhalli has been ordered.

(6) Will be considered on the results of the investigation.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr B. L. Byanna.—

With reference to answer to Question (6) may I know how long it will take to complete the investigation ?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

It is not possible to say that now ; it will be completed as early as possible.

Mr. K. Ramegowda.—

Is the investigation going on ?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

Yes.

By Mr. P. Avalakonda Reddi (Chikballapur Rural).—

Q.—11. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the extent of atchkat and assessment of lands under Byrasagara tank in Peresandra, Chikballapur Taluk;

(2) the number of times the tank discharged for the last ten years;

(3) whether the tank has received adequate supply for the past ten years ;

(4) the extent of the atchkat on which full crop was realised during the past ten years and the extent on which only half was realised during the period and the extent that remained uncultivated (to be kindly furnished yearwar) ;

(5) whether they are aware that the tank has not since been receiving adequate supply of water ;

(6) whether they are aware that the " Bagaparthi " halla which was the feeder of this tank previously has since been diverted towards another tank ;

(7) whether it is a fact that the raiyats concerned have been petitioning the Government in the matter ;

(8) the action taken on the petition ;

(9) the opinion of the Engineers who inspected the above *halla* ten years ago ;

(10) the present catchment area of the tank ;

(11) whether it is possible by proper investigation to restore the feeder *halla* to this tank ;

(12) whether they are aware that the water of this tank has been flowing through a *halla, via* Munugumadi anicut and irrigating the land of this village ;

(13) the year in which this anicut breached ;

(14) whether it is a fact that a project has been sanctioned for the restoration of the anicut, if so in what year ;

(15) whether they are aware that on account of the breach of the above anicut the tank water cannot be utilised for the atchkat lands ;

(16) when the work is likely to be taken up if an estimate has been sanctioned ;

(17) whether it is possible to levy dry rates on the atchkat lands since the year of the breach of the anicut, if its restoration is not possible.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—11. (1) 235 acres. Rs. 1,323.

(2) Information not available in the Public Works Department.

(3) Information not furnished.

(4) and (5) Information not furnished.

(6) Bagaparthi halla has been feeding Gudibanda Byrasagara.

(7) Yes.

(8) Information not furnished.

(9) Engineers have opined that the feeder should not be diverted as Gudibanda Byrasagara Tank will be seriously affected and as 50 acres of land now irrigated by the flood waters of Addagal tank will suffer by this diversion.

(10) 4½ square miles.

(11) It is not feasible.

(12) Yes.

(13) Information not available in this office.

(14) Project was sanctioned in 1920.

(15) Information not furnished.

(16) The estimate is being revised to suit present condition and will be disposed of soon.

(17) The work will be put in hand soon.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Avalakonda Reddi.—

With reference to the answer to Sub-Questions (1) to (5), *viz.*, that information is not available, may I know why it was not at least collected ?

Third Member of Council.—

There was not time enough to obtain the information from the Revenue Department. Only the Public Works Department was consulted.

Mr. Avalakonda Reddi.—

Are there not registers maintained ready at hand, showing all these particulars ?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Avalakonda Reddi.—

Are the Government aware that about 20 or 25 years ago, the "Bagaparthi" *halla* was the feeder to this tank, and if so, will they be pleased to order that it should not be diverted to any other tank any longer ?

Third Member of Council.—

Government are not aware about the position 20 or 25 years ago and it is not easy to order the discontinuance of the diversion of feeders.

Mr. Avalakonda Reddi.—

If the project was sanctioned in 1920 as stated in answer to Sub-Question (14), why was it not worked out all these years ?

Third Member of Council.—

For want of funds.

Mr. Avalakonda Reddi.—

Why was not at least remission of wet assessment sanctioned under the circumstances ?

Third Member of Council.—

If applications are made, they will be disposed of as favourably as the rules will allow.

Mr. S. C. Mailiah.—

Sub-Question (17) is whether dry rates cannot be levied if the anicut cannot be restored soon but the answer is that the work will soon be taken up. May I know whether dry rates will be levied ?

Third Member of Council —

It is not possible to do that ; but there are rules for remitting one-half of the wet assessment in all deserving cases, provided application is made.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Have not such applications been made ?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

BILLS.

AMENDMENT OF THE INFANT MARRIAGE PREVENTION REGULATION X OF 1894.—*contd.*

MR. B. GOPALACHAR observed that this was a big social and religious question and could not be disposed of at one stretch, especially as members had not consulted their respective constituents about it. It was necessary that before placing the Bill before the Assembly for discussion, the opinions of Mathadhipathis as well as the orthodox public were ascertained. In the alternative, Government should at least appoint a special committee for ascertaining it. For these reasons he said that it was better to defer consideration of the Bill.

MR. VENKATASWAMI CHETTY of Chickballapur, in supporting the question under discussion, said that even in actual practice, girls were being married after the twelfth year, due to various reasons and exceptions to this were few